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Winners, Losers, and the Wisdom of God

We're back in the National Football League playoffs, that short championship season that ends this Sunday in Santa Clara, California. Unlike the Fourth of July or Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday is truly America's civic high holy day – the one moment each year when we all come together in a vast liturgical celebration of what we most long to be: winners. I spend the two weeks preceding the game listening to sports talk radio or perusing online analyses of the contest. And on the day itself, I tune in to watch nearly the whole broadcast, including the extensive pre-game coverage. [Read more...](#)

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE: Poverty

PIT Count Snapshot Can't Capture a Year-Round Crisis – By *Invisible People*

John Berry, SVdP National President, was recently interviewed by *Invisible People*, a nonprofit news and advocacy site devoted to homelessness and affordable housing, on the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count that's mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He detailed the benefits of the PIT Count, such as its ability to track national homelessness trends and inform policy solutions, as well as its challenges.



"In many areas, encampments are cleared just before the PIT count occurs, displacing people and making them even harder to locate," Berry told *Invisible People*. "Others are incarcerated or hospitalized that night and left out of the data altogether. These circumstances can result in an undercount that obscures the true extent of the crisis." [Read more...](#)

YOUR 2025 TAX STATEMENT LETTER

To those who supported SVdP USA last year, we thank you! We are blessed to have such wonderful support through your dedication of your time, talents, and treasure. You are at the heart of what we do and we are grateful for you. Be on the lookout for your 2025 tax statement letter,



which is being mailed out this week. If your total 2025 giving exceeded \$250, you will receive a statement in the mail.

UPDATE: SVDP NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to SVdP's very first National Development Conference where Vincentians, volunteers, and staff will come together April 14-15, 2026, at the Marriott St. Louis West Hotel to learn and expand their expertise about grant writing, fundraising, communications, and donor engagement. Seats have filled up quickly for this working conference that requires 100% attendance at the entire meeting. There is no cost to attend, other than your own transportation to and from St. Louis.



While we are currently full, we have begun a waitlist. We have a few approvals pending and may expand the headcount by a handful of added people.

Interested? [Please complete THIS form.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31

[January 2026 National Board Meeting](#)

(Vincentians may listen in)

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm CDT

[Getting Ahead Facilitator Training](#)

Friday, February 6 at 2:00pm CDT

[Poverty Action Committee Book Club](#)

Tuesday, February 10 through Thursday, February 12

[Spiritual Advisor Formation & Training](#)

Thursday, February 12 at 10:30am CDT

[Workforce Development Webinar – Using AI Tools for Resume Optimization](#)



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